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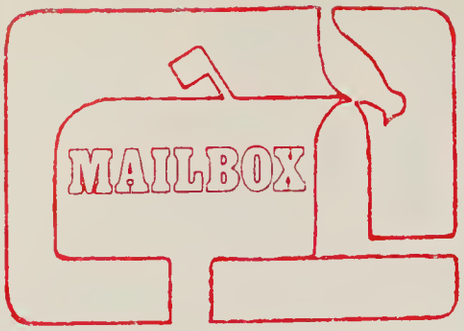

"Disappointed" About Co-ops' Purchase of Power Plant Share

I am disappointed and upset that we, North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations, are buying interest in a nuclear power plant. Besides endangering people, animals and the environment while in operation, there is presently no safe way of disposing of the nuclear waste or the nuclear power plant itself.

Nuclear power plants do not last forever; their life expectancy is approximately 30 years. Would you like nuclear waste or parts of a radioactive power plant buried in your backyard? Think about it.

If you think the cost benefits outweigh the risk of human life or the environment, then why are so few new nuclear power plants being licensed to be built today? The truth is that the overall cost of building and maintaining a nuclear power plant are so tremendous that many power companies have decided against building new nuclear power plants.

Lastly, what happens to human lives, the environment and the cost of clean-up if there is a nuclear accident? Why not ask John Q. Public at Three Mile Island who is paying for the nuclear clean-up there? The damage to people and the environment may not be fully realized for years, for the overall cost of the clean-up is a reality now.

Michael L. Thomas
Rt. 5, Morganton

Has "Concern" Over EMCs' Catawba Plant Buy-In

I read of the "buy-in" of the Catawba Nuclear Station with interest, but also with some concern. I have two questions: First, with the nuclear power industry's history of cost overruns, what assurance do we have that the construction expense won't escalate out of sight? Second, will the EMCs (and hence their members) face any liability in the event of an accident such as Three Mile Island? A great deal of litigation followed that accident.

These issues may have been addressed already, but the *Carolina Country* articles made no mention of them.

David Spicer
Rt. 1, Canton

N.C. EMC officials prepared the following response to the questions raised in these letters:

Will Costs Escalate?

1. What assurance does N.C. EMC have that construction costs for Catawba will not escalate out of sight?

• The latest estimate for the project incorporates the impact of regulatory requirements originating after the Three Mile Island incident. Expected cost increases resulting from new requirements on pipe supports and restraints have now been incorporated into a revised estimate for the project.

With the plant now scheduled for completion in 1984, further significant increases are unlikely.

• As the station nears completion, cost estimates focus on a narrowing scope of activities, resulting in better cost projections. Also, as construction work progresses, experience with labor productivity leads to more reliable estimates of future costs.

• The impact of cost increases for the plant will be passed on to all Duke Power Company customers.

No Change In Impact

• The impact of cost increases for the plant would be the same for EMC consumer-members whether N.C. EMC owned a share of it or not. The plant was planned to serve Duke Power Co. customers, both retail and wholesale—and the EMCs would have remained Duke's wholesale customers if the Catawba buy-in plan hadn't been arranged. With the buy-in, N.C. EMC will be financing its share of Catawba at costs that are lower than Duke's financing costs. Thus, the plan is expected to hold down the spiraling costs for co-op consumers in comparison with Duke Power's retail customers.

Big Rate Hike Avoided

In addition, the buy-in will permit the EMCs to avoid a large rate increase when Catawba goes into operation. Instead, the EMCs will gradually begin using increasing amounts of the plant's capacity over a 10-12 year period.

What About Accident Liability?

2. Will N.C. EMC face any liability in the event of an accident such as the one at Three Mile Islan

• Under the contract agreem between N.C. EMC and Duke, joint owners will share in any liabi in proportion to their owners interest, unless the liability is a re of gross negligence or fraud on part of Duke Power.

• Duke will obtain property dam insurance coverage of about $ million and liability coverage of ab $200 million. Should prope damages exceed $400 million, additional costs would be sha proportionately by the joint own Nuclear liability under the P Anderson Act is limited to $ million.

Keep Up The Good Work

Here I am sending $2 again another year's subscription to *Caro Country*. I do not want to miss a sir copy as I enjoy it very much. It wonderful little magazine. Keep the good work.

Evelyn W. Cah
New B

Pain Relief Treatment Endorsed

In your April issue, you had qui discussion concerning DMSO, controversial form of treatment on trial for various diseases problems.

A certain gentleman, writing in, a very negative attitude of DM calling it a "waste of time and mon I'd like to challenge this person where his knowledge comes from why he feels this way about DM

Has he tried it and it failed or i negative because of lack knowledge?

I have found relief from pain fo first time in three years from b treated with DMSO by a speci with injections for cystitis.

I was told by a clinic of very g doctors that they did not know else to do, so I sought fu treatment and for the first time long while, I am not in pain. medical treatment has used not else, and it is pure magic wh comes to relief from pain. I enc DMSO 100 percent, and I speak experience. There are not side eff except for the odor of garlic for hours after injection. I hope som else can find the same relief.

Mary M
Rt. 15, Lexin

VIEWPOINT

Tax Cut Proposal: Too Much, Too Soon

Excerpted from an address, titled, "Economic Outlook for the 80s," by Dr. Maurice W. Lee, dean emeritus of the UNC-CH School of Business Administration. He has served as an administrator and consultant to federal and state governments and is a former member of the board of directors of the National Bureau of Economic Research.

The Reagan administration has a proposal to cut taxes 30 percent over a three-year period—this is the Kemp-Roth tax cut. What does that mean?

Supply side economics says that if you cut taxes, you'll get more saving, you'll get more investment, you'll get more output, you'll increase productivity and that this great new flow of production into the economy will put out the fires of inflation.

Well, it just doesn't work that way.

Savings To Be Spent

If we cut taxes in this present inflationary environment, there seems to be an almost unanimous sentiment among Americans that any money received ought to be spent to beat inflation. And that applies almost equally to high income levels and to low income levels. It is, in other words, doubtful that the amount of saving that is contemplated would come from the tax cuts will be as large as the administration thinks it will be.

But even supposing they are right, then what will people do with the savings?

If you look at what people are doing now with their savings, these savings are not going into equities or long-term bonds, commitments that will build new generating capacity, improve factories and add new technologies to the economy. The savings in this inflationary environment are going into very short-term placements. This is how you account for the massive growth of the money funds. People are parking their savings in very short-term placements, taking advantage of liquidity, being able to shift money if they need to and not committing funds into the long-term sector out of which you build new factories, new technologies, new generating capacities and so forth. So, even if the savings reached the level the administration hopes, the likelihood that those savings will be placed in real net investment in the economy is pretty remote.

But even if we forget that, and assume all of these realized savings will be put into capital investments, then what?

It takes two or three years to build new factories, get new assembly lines, develop new technologies. Under the best of circumstances, that is, if the tax cuts are saved, if the saving goes into capital formation, capital equipment, new technology and produce the flow of goods and services to smother inflation, that outpouring won't begin arriving in the economy until two or three years down the road. If that is so, we simply will have created another two or three years of massive government deficits, adding fuel to the fires of inflation.

While I applaud the proposal to cut government expenditures, I absolutely do not understand the rationale for the tax cut proposals. I don't even understand the politics of it.

But it seems to me that this administration—which has been getting high marks for courageous attacks on government expenditures—needs to realize, if you understand what the Gallup polls and the Harris polls are saying, that the people of the country are willing to take one more year of present high taxes if they think Washington is really serious about cutting government expenditures.

Delaying Tax Cut "Courageous"

Americans ought to be pressing for no tax cuts because that makes economic sense, in 1981, but I think it also makes political sense. I think the country would accept such a Washington proposal as a courageous act on the part of the administration.

I don't see much difference between the Democratic and Republican administrations of the past—which have helped produce this inflationary crisis by creating massive deficits caused by excessive spending—and this administration—which is proposing to create massive deficits that will be caused by excessive tax cuts. The deficits are what will do the damage, and that's the thing that concerns me.

I think it's irresponsible to cut taxes until the spending cuts are actually in hand—the tax cuts should come after the spending cuts.

Inflation is now reaching the point of a crisis in our economy and we've got to deal with it.

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To Have "Devastating" Effect On Consumers

Proposed REA Changes Challenged in Senate

An official of North Carolina's statewide organization of electric cooperatives has told a U.S. Senate subcommittee that Reagan administration proposals for revamping the rural electric program would have a "devastating" effect on Tar Heel co-op consumers.

Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of the organization, said the proposed changes would increase the co-ops' interest costs for generating capacity alone by $45 million a year over the next 10 to 12 years.

"That equates out to about $100 per year per co-op member," he said.

This extra cost would be added to power bills that are "already significantly higher than those of the investor-owned utilities" in North Carolina, Hubbard pointed out.

Adding this further financial burden, he said, "would simply make it more difficult for North Carolina's farmers and rural citizens to remain competitive in domestic and world markets."

Changes Inflationary, Discriminatory

He added: "We maintain that this is both inflationary and discriminatory and will not accomplish the President's goals of controlling inflation and cutting out waste, fraud and mismanagement."

Hubbard made his comments in testimony before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture Credit and Rural Electrification.

They were aimed at Administration proposals for eliminating the Rural Electrification Administration guaranteed loan program, the co-ops' access to the Federal Financing Bank (FFB) for such loans and the REA revolving loan fund which makes funds available at 5 percent interest.

Without these programs, Hubbard said, "There is no way that the electric bills of rural people can remain reasonably competitive with those of the municipal and investor-owned utilities. With a 62 percent greater investment per consumer, it is much tougher to serve sparsely settled rural areas of the nation."

In describing how the REA revolving loan fund operates, Hubbard drew a parallel between it and the proposed agricultural export credit revolving fund that's part of a bill recently introduced by North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms.

The export fund would provide credit for export sales of agricultural commodities and facilities in foreign countries that create new demand for agriculture commodities.

"It makes no sense to single out rural people . . . for such harsh and unnecessary treatment."

"We applaud this concept because it is this very type revolving fund that has provided the necessary capital to build an adequate electric supply system in the farm lands of America," Hubbard said.

"And let me say to you quite honestly and frankly that without continued dependable electricity the farm lands of this country will not be able to produce the very commodities that our senior senator's proposed revolving fund is intended to market."

Hubbard noted that the FFB makes no loans, but functions simply as a "financial conduit" through which REA and some 30 other entities raise capital from private money market sources, saving them an estimated 1.5 percent on all borrowed funds.

In addition, the government charges a fee for administering these FFB loans, with income from the fee totaling about $6 million a year.

A Misguided Proposal

Hubbard said, "We are honestly convinced that the government will create more inflation in rural America while losing $6 million each year if the plan to deny electric co-ops access to FFB financing is followed. Clearly this is a misguided proposal."

Saying the "serious problem" of inflation must be attacked, he suggested that the Administration proposals on the REA program unfairly single out rural Americans to make severe financial sacrifices as part of that effort.

"Rural citizens are, I believe, equally as patriotic as any other segment of the population. It makes no sense to single out rural people, who already include a disproportionate share of the nation's low-income citizens, for such harsh and unnecessary treatment," he said.

Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of North Carolina's statewide organization of electric co-ops, right, testifies before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture Credit and Rural Electrification. From the left are Sen. Paula Hawkins (R-Fla.); W. Kitchin Benson of Battleboro, a director of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro; an unidentified Senate staff member; Keith Weatherly, a professional staff member with the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; and another unidentified staffer.

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If you discover a mistake, it must be corrected within 39½ months after the year in which the wages were paid. Otherwise, the incorrect record stands, and it will be included in the tabulation of your benefits when payable. The result could be a significantly lower payment rate.

To check your record, obtain form OAR-7004 from your Social Security office. Mail it to the Social Security Administration, P.O. Box 57, Baltimore, MD 21203. The SSA will return the form with the status of your earnings record.

Hall of Fame Taps Noted Journalists

Five of the nation's top journalists have been selected as the members of the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame.

They are Charles Kuralt, CBS News correspondent; C. A. McKnight, former *Charlotte Observer* and *Charlotte News* editor; Vermont Royster, editor emeritus of the *Wall Street Journal*; Tom Wicker, managing editor of the *New York Times*; and the late Josephus Daniels, Raleigh *News and Observer* publisher and statesman.

All are North Carolina natives.

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which will display photographs and histories of the members.

Photo Won Honor For Hoke 4-H'er

Allen Sandy snapped this shot of a butterfly amid the blossoms at the home of a friend in Hoke County a few years ago. It turned out well enough that he later submitted it to state 4-H officials as a possible entry in a national 4-H exhibit.

It made an impression on the judges and was shown in the 1978 4-H National Photo Exhibition sponsored by Eastman Kodak.

Sandy, now a rising sophomore music major at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sandy of Rt. 2, Raeford.

The Sandys are consumer-members of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs.

Extension Veteran Named Chairman in Rutherford

Eugenia Ware, a veteran of 33 years with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, has been named Extension Chairman in Rutherford County.

She succeeds G. E. (Ed) Biddix, who transferred to Buncombe County as chairman.

Miss Ware, a Kings Mountain native, joined the extension service in 1948 as an assistant home economics agent in Rutherford County, and has spent her entire career there. She is a former president of the N.C. Association of Extension Home Economics.

Scholarship Fund Gets Contribution

The statewide women's activities advisory committee of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives has donated $500 to the *Carolina Country* Family Medicine Scholarship Fund at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

The contribution came from fund-raising projects conducted by the women's committees of the various Electric Membership Corporations across the state.

The scholarship fund was established in 1975 by former *Carolina Country* Editor Jim Chaney to assist medical students who are willing to enter family practice in rural North Carolina.

Initial money for the fund was provided from proceeds from the sale of the book *Carolina Country Reader*, a collection of Chaney's stories, essays and poems, as well as other selections which appeared in the magazine through the years. The book was published in 1974 by Moore Publishing Co. in Durham.

Chaney retired as the magazine's editor in 1975.

Three EMC Boards Elect 11 Directors

Eight incumbents and three newcomers have been elected to the Boards of Directors of three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent EMC annual meetings:

- **French Broad EMC,** Marshall — Re-elected were Joe Justice of Hot Springs; I. E. Clevenger of Burnsville and Albert Freeman of Rt. 7, Marshall. The newcomer on the board is Parnell Cooke of Rt. 1, Bakersville, who was appointed earlier to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Hall of Spruce Pine. Bill Riddle of Burnsville was also appointed to fill the unexpired term of Hazen Ledford of Burnsville.
- **Halifax EMC, Enfield** — Re-elected were Raymond Sykes of Rt. 2, Whitakers; Richard H. Greene of Warrenton and A. G. Willcox Jr. of Rt. 3, Enfield. The newcomer elected to the board was Robert T. Harris of Rt. 3, Littleton.
- **Harkers Island EMC, Harkers Island**—Re-elected were Lloyd Michels and Robert L. Ensminger, Sr. The newcomer elected to the board is George L. Nelson. All are from Harkers Island.

Robeson Commissioners Oppose REA Revamp

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners has adopted a

resolution supporting the rural electric cooperatives of North Carolina in their effort to maintain the present status of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Through a unanimous vote, the board passed the resolution and sent it to seven leaders of the government including President Reagan, Agriculture Secretary John Block, Director of the Office of Management and Budget David Stockman, Acting REA Administrator Joe Zoller, Rep. Charles Rose, Senator John East and Senator Jesse Helms.

In part, the resolution stated that REA loans made to rural electric cooperatives since 1940 had helped rural electric consumers to receive electric power at rates competitive with other power companies.

The resolution calls on the leaders to look further into the proposed cuts in the Rural Electrification Administration program and expresses "strong opposition" to the proposed changes in the REA loan programs.

Four Directors Get Statewide Board Posts

Four new directors have been appointed to the board of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

They are Lawrence Henson of Rt. 2, Clyde, a director of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, Waynesville; Richard Roberts of Rt. 1, Hillsborough, vice president of the board at Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough; Henry Gabriel of Rt. 1, Sherrills Ford, a director of Crescent EMC, Statesville and Joseph Quinn of Rt. 3, Marion, a director of Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

Quinn, who has been on the Rutherford EMC board since 1964, was also appointed to the delegate body of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, the central purchasing and supply operation of the statewide EMC organization.

Gabriel has been a director at Crescent since 1965, while Roberts joined the Piedmont board in 1973. Henson took his board seat at Haywood earlier this year.

EMC Drops Plan For Wood-Fired Power Plant

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, Marshall, has abandoned plans to build a wood-fired electric generating plant in Yancey County, according to Charles Tolley, the EMC's manager.

Tolley said the rising cost of wood waste and construction have forced the co-op to cancel plans for the plant.

The EMC is still actively working on rehabilitation of the Capitola Dam in Marshall, he said.

Oops!

The gremlins of the publishing business have been at it again in *Carolina Country*:

A photo of Derl Hinson, manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Red Springs, was scheduled to appear in the magazine's May issue, marking his re-election as president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, the statewide EMC organization's statewide purchasing and materials supply operation.

As it turned out, the photo which was identified as that of Hinson was actually that of Robert C. Hubbard, manager of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte.

For the record, here are the photos of the two men with correct identifications:

Hinson

Hubbard

Camp Sertoma To Serve 4-H Youth

A camp in Stokes County has been donated to the North Carolina 4-H program for use by 4-H youth.

The camp is the former Vade Mecum camp which later became Camp Sertoma. Purchased several years ago by the Sertoma Clubs and donated to the Easter Seal Society, it is situated on a 335-acre tract of land adjacent to Hanging Rock State Park.

A fund-raising campaign to finance the $250,000 renovation project has been launched by the N.C. 4-H Development Fund.

The camp, scheduled to open in June, 1982, is expected to serve more than 1,000 boys and girls, ages nine through 19, each summer.

Home Folks

Dr. William S. Price Jr., who has served for the past five years as assistant director of the N.C. Division of Archives and History, was promoted to director of the division, effective May 1. The Asheboro native will also serve as State Historic Preservation Officer. . . .**Dr. Lawrence B. Morse** of Greensboro, an associate professor of economics at North Carolina A&T State University, has been elected president of the N.C. Consumers Council. . . .**Sam Ragan,** editor and publisher of the Southern Pines *Pilot,* has been named recipient of the North Caroliniana Society Award. The award is given each year for outstanding contributions to the state's literature and culture. . . . **A. C. Cox Jr.** of Rt. 3, Enfield, a director of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation, Enfield, has been cited for his 30 years of service as a director of the co-op. Cox, who stepped down as president of the EMC's board last year after 23 years in the post, received the service award at the co-op's recent 1981 Annual Meeting. He was elected in March as president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Extension Teletip: Holding For Its 500,000th Call

More than 800 calls per day come into "Extension Teletip" headquarters during a typical week.

"People ask for information on gardening, lawns, termite problems, snakes, and control of ants and fleas in and around the house," said Jan Christensen, media coordinator with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Two operators are usually on duty handling calls on seven lines coming in to a room on the second floor of North Carolina State University's Ricks Hall. In response to each call, an operator plays one or more of the service's 1,000 cassette tapes containing information on a wide variety of topics.

Since the statewide toll-free telephone information service was started in March, 1978, a total of 438,490 calls had been received through April 27. The calls have come from every county and just about every community in the state.

"Some time this summer, the number of calls will reach half a million," Ms. Christensen said.

The tapes are two to three minutes in length. The information on them was prepared by NCSU extension subject-matter specialists and they are narrated by personnel in the Department of Agricultural Communications.

This spring, about 200 new tapes were added, and a booklet-type Teletip directory with index was published. Single copies of the directory may be obtained without charge from county agricultural extension offices or by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-662-7301.

"Legal Affairs for Families" is the topic for a new section containing 18 tapes prepared with the assistance of the North Carolina Bar Association. Estate planning, making a will, women's property rights, buying a home, child custody, serving on a jury, and what to do in case of an auto accident are among the subjects covered.

Messages also have been added on diet and weight control, parenting and personal growth, the latter dealing with such matters as beating the blues, coping with grief, handling guilt, relieving loneliness, retirement living and finding help for the handicapped.

There are dozens of tapes on food, under such headings as nutrition and diet, food buying, game and meat cookery, canning, freezing, food safety, jams, jellies and preserves, pickles, and drying and storing.

In addition, there are many messages on vegetable gardening and on home production of fruits and nuts, honey and poultry.

Other subjects covered include home maintenance and repair, houseplants, landscaping, taxes and the farm business, energy, family resources, natural resources, pest control around the home, stain removal and clothing care.

Tapes on "Best Food Buys" are updated every two weeks. There also is frequent updating of messages on timber prices, how to receive agricultural weather information, and the "recipe of the week."

In addition to the tapes of general interest, Teletip now offers messages of special interest to the producers of two commodities, flue-cured tobacco and beef cattle, Ms. Christensen said. These include tips on management practices and the latest production and marketing information available.

The summer operating hours for Teletip are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Tom Byrd, in charge of press, radio and television for the Department of Agricultural Communications, said Teletip offers the public the advantage of instant, cost-free answers to problems and questions that arise from time to time. There is no waiting to see an extension agent or to call an extension office whose line frequently stays busy.

For the Extension Service the big advantage of Teletip is that it frees agents and specialists from spending hours each week answering repetitious calls and enables them to proceed with other activities. Also, Teletip is a low-cost method of disseminating reliable information to large numbers of farmers, homemakers and consumers, many of whom may never have been reached previously by the Extension Service.

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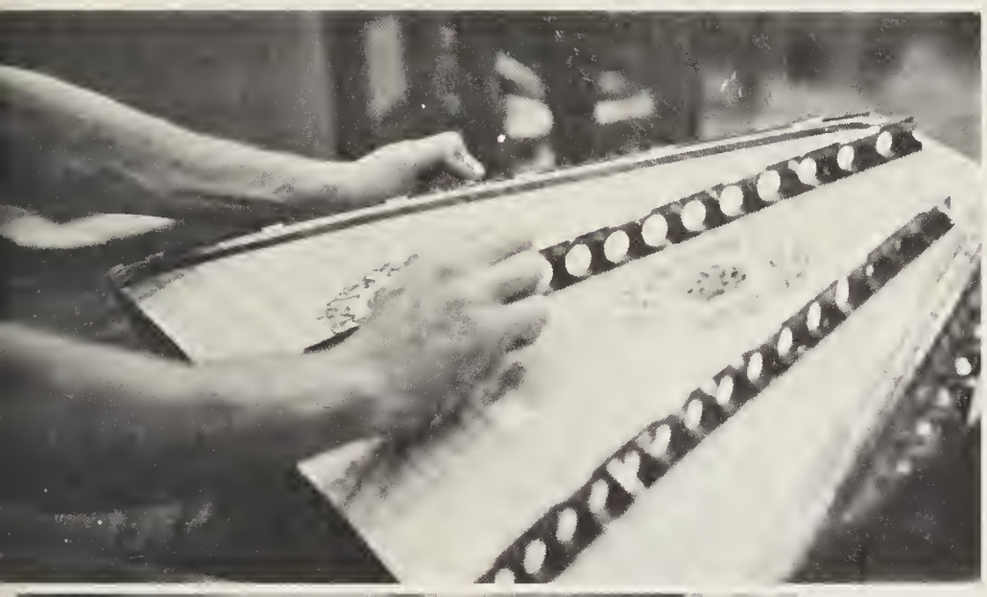

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Here, the dulcimer maker adjusts the instrument's tuning while demonstrating its music, as other craftsmen put the finishing touches on new pieces at the 1980 Summer Crafts Fair of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild in Asheville.

Summer Crafts Fair Set For July 22-25

Works by more than 100 craftsmen will be featured in the 34th Annual Summer Crafts Fair of the Highland Handicrafts Guild at Asheville's Civic Center, July 22-25.

Pottery will be the primary focus of the fair, with special demonstrations and films on the subject scheduled throughout the event.

The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

Tickets at the door will be $2.50 for adults and $1 for children ages 6 to 11. Individual adult tickets purchased in advance are $2, with youth tickets priced at 75¢. Groups of 25 or more can arrange for group purchases at further discounts. Address ticket orders to the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, P.O. Box 9454, Asheville, N.C. 28815.

From N.C. Safety Council

Safety Programs Draw Honors

A total of 15 individuals and groups have been honored by the North Carolina Safety Council for carrying out or providing leadership for various safety programs.

The awards, given annually through the Council's Home and Community Safety Awards Program, were presented during a recent luncheon at the McKimmon Center on the North Carolina State University campus.

Individual Awards

The individual award recipients were: adult volunteer, Odell R. Downs of Pfafftown, and adult professional, Michael A. Davis, extension personnel development specialist with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service at NCSU.

Special category awards were presented to: Fireman, Eddie Whitener, chief of the Mountain View Volunteer Fire Department, Hickory; Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Emergency Medical Services Member, George William Dull, chief of the Vienna Rescue Squad, Lewisville; Rescue Squad and Emergency Medical Services Group, Macon County Emergency Medical Service, Franklin; and Law Enforcement Officer, Kelwin T. Elliott of Asheboro, with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Community Group Awards

Community Group Awards were presented to: Youth Group With Less Than 30 Members, Smyrna Junior Fire Department, Lumberton; Youth Group With More Than 30 Members, Forsyth County 4-H Clubs; Adult Group With Less Than 30 Members, Duplin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee; and Adult Group With More Than 30 Members, (tie) Pilot Club of Cary, Inc., and Wilson County Extension Homemakers.

Verne Strickland of WRAL-TV Raleigh, won the News Media Award for Television, and Gordon Williams of Saga Food Service, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, received the Business and Industry Award.

Special Service Award

Mrs. Irby Walker, retired secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, received a special service award. She helped organize the Safety Council and initiated its awards program. She has served as president and vice president and on numerous committees.

The Safety Council is an incorporated, non-profit organization, created in 1960 by a group of community leaders, physicians and representatives of public agencies to promote safety programs and activities.

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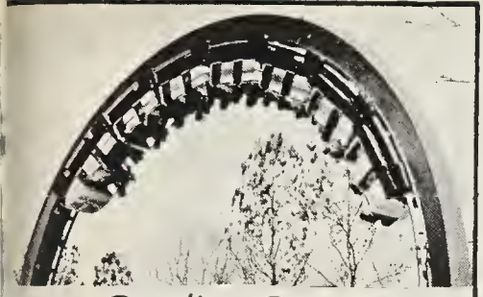

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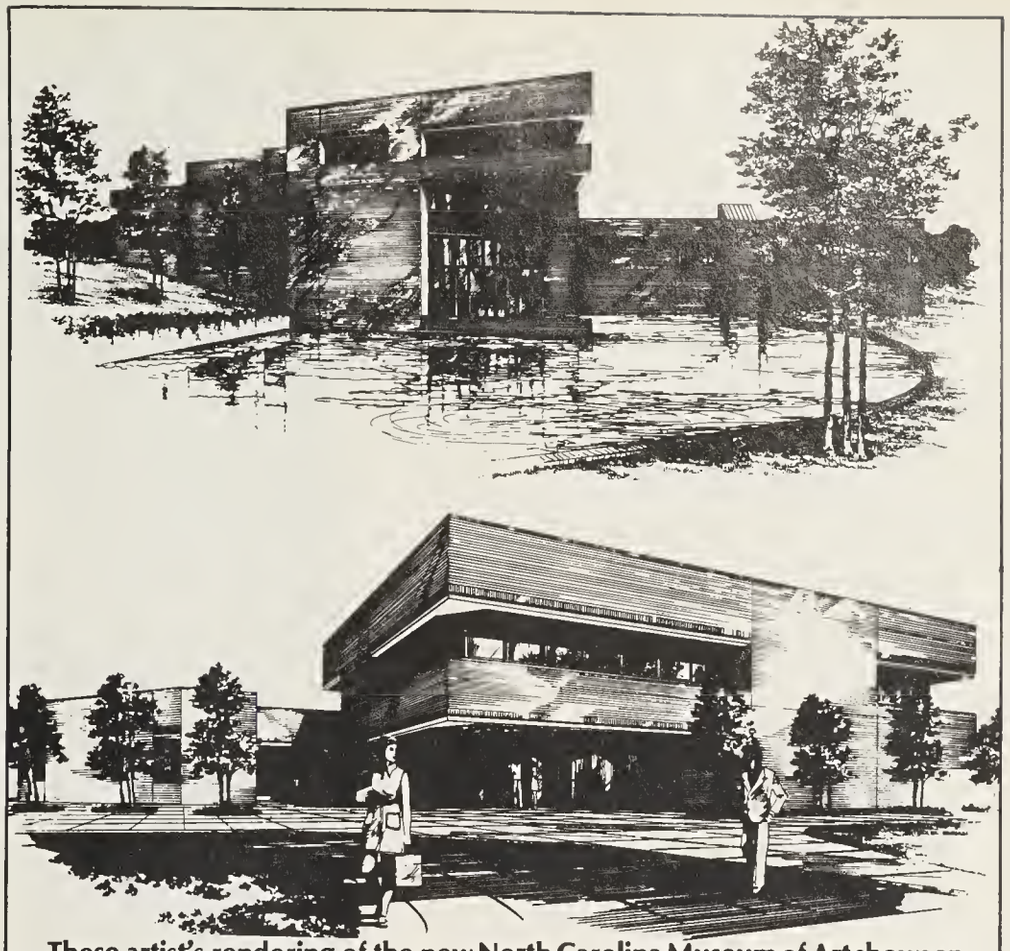

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Summer Garden Stir Fry

This tasty recipe makes a hearty main meal with just a little meat and lots of vegetables. "Let your garden and your imagination make this easy summer dish," says Mrs. Campbell. She adds that just a "tad" of fresh garlic can be added for extra zip, and suggests cooking it in a large, cast iron skillet if possible. "It's really best," she says.

COUNTRY KITCHEN

Submitted by Judith Campbell of LaGrange

SUMMER GARDEN STIR FRY

1 lb. steak (chuck, sirloin, etc.)
2 onions
2 big green peppers (cut across)
Dash of Fresh hot pepper
4 banana peppers (sliced lengthwise)
2 large tomatoes
1 squash (yellow or green)
Butter or margarine
Salt and pepper

Slice steak across grain into very thin strips and stir fry with one onion in butter until brown. Set aside. Start stir frying the second onion in the same fry pan and add the chopped vegetables in the order listed above. Add meat and onions back in and add quartered tomatoes and cook just a little longer. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve with or over rice. Serves 4-6.

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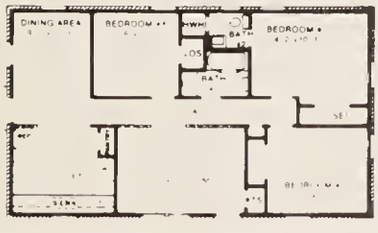

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Smithsonian Scenes

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The young people studied with some of the top scholars at the Smithsonian during the two four-day programs, and attended performances at the Kennedy Center.

The program was sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives and the Smithsonian, with aid from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

ABOVE — Participants in the "Quest for Beauty" Smithsonian seminar had great fun trying on various costumes at the Folger Shakespeare Theatre costume shop.
RIGHT — A highlight of the seminar on "Inventiveness" was a visit to the Paul E. Garber Facility in Suitland, Md., where planes are restored for the Smithsonian collection. Donald Lopez, assistant director of aeronautics for the National Air and Space Museum, center, accompanied the group.
BELOW—Russ Sale of the National Gallery of Art discussed the changing ideals of beauty through the ages in one seminar session.

YOUTH FORUM

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO DECREASE THE RISING CRIME RATE IN THE U.S.?

Crime is steadily approaching e danger level in our society. The sing crime rate can be subsided if venile crime is lessened. Young eople commit a disproportionately large share of many rious crimes. These young elinquents are the hardened iminals of tomorrow. If juvenile ime is deterred, soon the overall ime rate will decrease.

The responsibility of preventing venile crime rests not on federal ograms, the courts and law nforcement alone. Citizens must so contribute to the effort of eventing youth from becoming rticipants in criminal activity. othing is more capable of ovoking public outrage than the ing crime acts committed by uth. Public concern should and ust be provoked also. If the portunity to commit the crime is iminated, the chance of crime ing committed is reduced. We ust therefore cooperate with the w enforcement and rid our mes and lives of criminal vitations.

Karen Boyd
Candor

Karen is a junior at West ontgomery High School and joys 4-H work, crafts, drawing d helping others. She and her rents, Mr. and Mrs. William yd, are served by Pee Dee EMC, adesboro.

In my judgment, the reduction the U.S. crime rate must come imarily from our police, but they ed help from the public. owever, the police have seemed be stereotyped by the public as e enemy and not the criminals emselves. The police need to attain the trust of the public in order to unify the efforts in reducing the rising crime rate.

Daren Pelletier
Stoneville

Daren is a sophomore at Stoneville High School and enjoys dramatics, photography, the outdoors and weight-lifting. He and his parents are served by Davidson EMC, Lexington.

I believe that the crime rate in the U.S. would drop if people would get more involved in preventing crime in their communities. Community Watches are an example of such involvement. We should all keep in mind that we are very likely to be a victim of crime. We need to know how to protect our family, ourselves, our home, and our possessions against crime.

Linda Payne
Kings Mountain

Linda is a junior at Burns Senior High School and enjoys reading, stamp collecting and calligraphy. She and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Conner, are served by Rutherford EMC, Forest City.

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Rachel Dellinger and her husband, Carl, operate a "pick-out" strawberry patch on their Gaston County farm. It's just one of many such berry "pick-out" operations that have proven to be quite popular across the state in recent years.

Text and photos by Frank Jeter Jr., public information officer for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina.

Strawberry Season

Something wonderful happens in North Carolina each summer: The strawberry crop comes in.

Much of the state's crop finds its way onto tables and into freezers and pantries right around home, while portions are shipped all the way to Philadelphia or New York.

One of the most popular developments in recent years has been the "pick-out" operations, where people head right for the berry patch, obtain baskets and select their own berries.

"This way everybody gets the best they can find," said one berry grower.

A typical operation is the nine-acre patch of the Carl Dellinger family in Gaston County. Again this summer they will produce a big crop of strawberries that equal any in the nation.

At their place on Route 3, Cherryville, they have a local reputation since they have been growing berries—and selling them to their neighbors—for several years. They chose a field with good, rich soil, and then obtained the assistance of District Conservationist Garland E. Still Jr., to make sure they had ideal growing conditions.

Strawberries need plenty of moisture. So the Soil Conservation Service helped with a farm pond, and also with the design of an irrigation system. To make the field even better for growing strawberries, and to make sure that too much water did not accumulate, drainage land smoothing was suggested and installed.

Parallel terraces also keep the moisture in balance, and a grassed waterway serves to remove excess water when hea rains descend.

The results are something to behold—and a treat for the tast buds.

Carl and Rachel Dellinger are partners in the operation. Their daughter, Becky, also helps wit the summertime duties—and sometimes her schoolmates are employed to help pick when berry production is at a peak.

The berries are a money-maker, but the Dellingers seem to enjoy the sheer pleasure of providing a tasty fruit to their neighbors as much as the income.

They are just one of a legion of North Carolinians who operate similar "pick-out" patches in all parts of the state. Berries are ready at various tim during the summer, sometimes early in May and often lasting until August.

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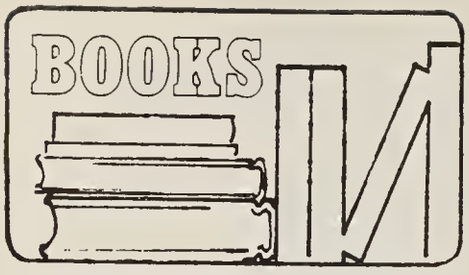

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Football Dreams is the story of one boy reaching out for adulthood, but the theme is so universal, they should stir memories and feelings of identity in any reader.

Days of Power, Nights of Fear by Bynum Shaw. St. Martin's Press, New York. 276 pages, $10.95.

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Political Shenanigans

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Six EMCs Face "Price Squeeze"

Virginia Electric and Power Company's latest proposal for raising its wholesale rates could put six North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations into a severe "price squeeze" situation this fall, according to officials of the statewide EMC organization.

Most Critical Case In Years

"We've had price squeeze situations before, but the EMCs served by VEPCO appear to be headed for the most critical case of this kind that the state's co-ops have faced in the past decade," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of North Carolina EMC, the power supply arm of the EMC organization.

He explained that the term "price squeeze" refers to any situation where a co-op's cost of wholesale power is so high that its charges to consumers become disproportionately out of line with the retail rates of the power supplier.

N.C. EMC has raised this issue in its petition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Washington with regard to the new VEPCO wholesale rate proposal, he said.

EMCs Affected

The EMCs that would be affected by the new VEPCO rate case are: Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; Halifax EMC, Enfield; Roanoke EMC, Rich Square and Tideland EMC, Pantego.

In that petition, the statewide generating and transmission co-op argues that the rates place the EMCs in an "anti-competitive price squeeze situation" that could threaten to put them out of business.

The VEPCO rate hike request was filed with FERC to become effective on Sept. 1, subject to refund if the agency later finds the request excessive.

Calculations Differ

VEPCO officials say the new rates would increase the cost of power for the Virginia and North Carolina co-ops in the company's service area by about 21.5 percent or $21.1 million a year.

However, N.C. EMC calculations indicate that the figures will be about 45 percent or $37.8 million a year.

"VEPCO's figures were calculated from higher base rates, with a deduction for projected lower fuel costs, as a result of the company's more extensive use of nuclear generating facilities," Hubbard said. "We think our figures are far more realistic."

He said VEPCO may hope to avoid a serious "price squeeze" challenge by scheduling the new rates to become effective on Sept. 1.

Retail Case Pending

"The company apparently hopes that by then they'll have a ruling from the State Utilities Commission on a pending rate hike for retail customers in North Carolina," he said.

Since the case wasn't filed until late December of last year, the commission isn't required to issue a ruling until late September, according to Dennis Nightingale of the commission's Public Staff.

Hearings on the case are set to begin June 16 and continue into mid-July, and the commission usually takes vacation during August.

As a result, he said he'd be "very surprised" if a ruling could be issued before Sept. 1.

Meanwhile, N.C. EMC is seeking a separate FERC hearing on the "price squeeze" issue alone, with hopes that it can be considered before the details of the new rate schedule are reviewed in hearings.

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Energy Conservation A La Mother Goose

Our recent column item featuring "media age" versions of Mother Goose favorites prompted Mary W. Mintz, a teacher at Hallsboro High School in the Surry County community of Hallsboro, to send us four typed pages of clever jingles that her senior English students had written, using the theme of energy conservation.

Many of them were based on Mother Goose rhymes, too. Here are a couple of them:

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe.
She used so much energy she didn't know what to do.
She turned down her heat and cut out some lights;
Now her energy bill is just about right.

—Karen Ray

Jack and Jill went to the well to fetch a cup of petroleum.
Jack looked up and Jill looked down but there was no gas there to be found.
"Why was there no gas to be found?" Asked poor old Jack of his mother.
"When we were young, we had our fun and never thought to save you some!"

—Frederick Henry

Heart-Wrenching Prospect

Although I've seen my share of sad tales over the years, none has been any more heart-wrenching than the prospect that an April 30 auto accident may leave University of North Carolina football standout Steve Streater permanently paralyzed.

So, I'm pleased to see that a fund-raising effort has been organized on Streater's behalf in his hometown of Sylva.

Gov. Hunt, in giving the first dollar to the fund, said Streater exemplified "the finer things of the youth of North Carolina."

On the day the campaign was launched, Streater demonstrated that he hasn't lost the fighting spirit he so often used as the emotional sparkplug for the Tar Heels' defensive unit.

After visiting Streater in his hospital room at N.C. Memorial Hospital on the day the campaign was launched, UNC Football Coach Dick Crum said Streater "was smiling and he told me he was going to get better."

The former Sylva-Webster High School star of baseball and football who'd signed to play with the Washington Redskins only hours before his accident was later to tell his high school coach: "I'm going to be all right. I'm going to whip it."

Contributions to the fund should be sent to the Golden Eagle Booster Club, Steve Streater Fund, Box 152, Sylva, N.C. 28779.

Retired Editor's Thriving On New Role: He's A Grandpa

Jim Chaney, a former editor of *Carolina Country*, called the other day with a word of thanks for the recent contribution from the electric co-ops' women's activities program to the *Carolina Country* Family Medicine Scholarship Fund at the UNC School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. (An item in "Here/There/Everywhere", Page 6, gives the details).

Jim established the fund in 1975 only a few months before his retirement as editor, due to poor health.

I'm glad to report that his health is much improved, and he seems to be thriving on a new role he's been playing: He's now a grandfather.

His daughter, Kathryn, who now lives with her husband in California, put Jim Chaney in the granddaddy business with a baby girl about 18 months ago. And, they'd just arrived for a visit with the Chaneys when he called.

Apparently, little Janie—who's named for her grandmother—enthralled her Raleigh relatives.

"She really put on a show for us Jim said.

Auto Adornments: Vehicles For Creative Expression

Isn't it fascinating how some people seem to really get a kick o of putting signs, stickers and sund other adornments on their cars?

I don't mean the commercial bumper stickers that might be attached by parking lot phantoms while you're visiting an amusemer park. I mean the stuff people put there *on purpose*.

These thoughts have been stirre by several cars which have crosse my path recently with especially distinctive exterior adornments. T of them could easily have qualifie for some sort of award, if anybod were passing out prizes for tackin

One was a vintage red convertil with shiny chrome (plastic?) decorative pieces attached all ove the body. The attachments looked like they might have been designe for a Victorian house if they'd bee made of wood. It was, indeed, a circus on wheels.

The second was also a vintage model—a black sedan which woul have been suitable for any undertaker except for its manifold expressions of undying love for El

The "King's" name was emblazoned in glorified graphics almost everywhere—doors, hood, trunk, windows. But the bumpers were truly sophisticated tributes t lettering design and creative juxtaposition. And Olympic Overcoat couldn't have covered them any better.

Both cars were masterpieces of visual assault.

Another more sedate bit of auto adornment I noticed in passing wa neatly carved wooden sign proclaiming its owner a "Flying Grandmother." I'll never know whether that was a description of her driving or a reference to her hobby as a pilot.

One Raleigh motorist used a littl imagination and a Benson "Mule Days" bumper sticker to come up with a special label for his ancient flivver: "Day Mule."

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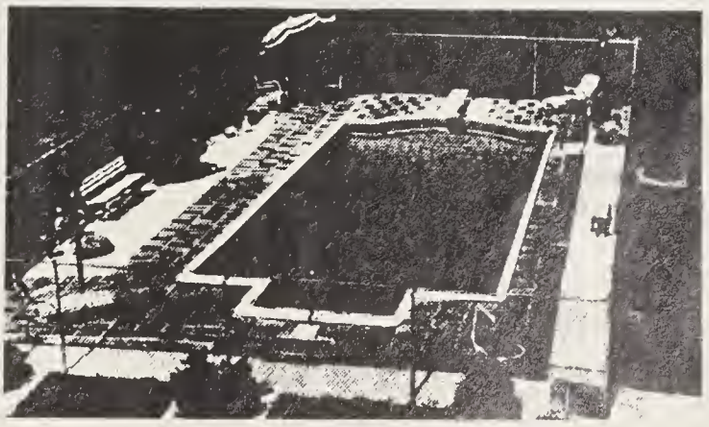

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